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7. [redacted] and I met with Jim Calloway, Senate Appropriations Committee staff, and delivered the letter from the Director to Chairman McClellan thanking him for his support in obtaining the compromise in camera court review language in S. 2543 (Freedom of Information Act) and viewing the Muskie amendment with concern and requesting a specific exclusion for Intelligence Sources and Methods if it prevails. I stressed that it would be helpful to enlist support of the members of the Joint Committee on Atomic Energy in view of the impending danger to Restricted Data. I gave Calloway a few talking points and he said he would see Senator Pastore. We then had a strategy session with Paul Summitt who was pessimistic about the compromise and believed we would be severely trampled if we pushed for a specific exclusion for Intelligence Sources and Methods, etc. Calloway, referring to Mr. Colby's call this morning to Senator McClellan, said the Senator was fully committed to providing needed protection for CIA. I said that Mr. Colby is not opposed to a review of his actions on the grounds of reasonableness as provided in the compromise and would not want Senator McClellan to push for an exclusion for Intelligence Sources and Methods if it was doomed to failure. Calloway will have further sessions with his staff and Senator McClellan.

Later in the day, I left a message for Calloway that Senator Stennis was going to support the compromise but not an exclusion and was rallying support for our position.

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8. [redacted] Witnessed the floor debate on the Muskie amendment to the Freedom of Information Act which was approved by a vote of 56-29. Senator Stennis spoke on behalf of CIA's need to protect its secrets, against rushing to careless judgment and for officials appointed to high posts in the Government who are men of esteem, integrity and merit and it is ridiculous to argue that they would lightly sign an affidavit.

Earlier, Clark McFadden, of Senate Armed Services Committee staff, told me that Chairman Stennis was opposed to a total exclusion for Intelligence Sources and Methods but felt strongly that Mr. Colby and others should have the benefit of a presumption in their favor. On the basis of his own experience on the bench, Stennis opposed the underlying theme of the Muskie amendment that a statutory presumption would be an unreasonable, obnoxious intrusion into judicial authority.

Following the vote, I told McFadden of our appreciation for his efforts and those of Chairman Stennis.

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